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[*on the report of the Second Committee (A/56/558/Add.1)*]

56/178. International trade and development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 55/182 of 20 December 2000 on international trade and development,

Taking into account the ongoing preparations for the International Conference on Financing for Development, to be held at Monterrey, Mexico, from 18 to 22 March 2002,[1] which will consider, inter alia, trade in the context of financing for development,

Noting the outcome of the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, held at Doha from 9 to 13 November 2001,[2]

Welcoming the outcome of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held at Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001,[3] in particular with regard to trade and development,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on international trade and development,[4] the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries,[5] the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries,[6] the report of the Trade and Development Board on its forty-eighth session[7] and the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on measures taken to initiate the

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 28* (A/55/28), part two; ibid., *Supplement No. 28A* (A/55/28/Add.1); ibid., *Supplement No. 28B* and corrigendum (A/55/28/Add.2 and Corr.1); and ibid., *Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 28* and corrigendum (A/56/28 and Corr.1).

[2] See A/C.2/56/7, annex.

[3] See A/CONF.191/11 and 12.

[4] A/56/376.

[5] A/56/473.

[6] See A/56/427.

[7] A/56/15 (Part III). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15*.

preparatory process for the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,[8]

1. *Welcomes* the decision by the Trade and Development Board to conduct the midterm review of the outcome of the tenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Bangkok from 29 April to 3 May 2002, and, in this regard, expresses deep appreciation to the Government of Thailand for offering to host the meeting;

2. *Stresses* the importance of continued substantive consideration of the sub-item on trade and development, under the item entitled "Macroeconomic policy questions";

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Macroeconomic policy questions", a sub-item entitled "International trade and development";

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution and developments in the multilateral trading system.

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[8] A/56/435.